

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the interview on March 20, 2008. The incorrect claim groupings indicated in the Restriction Requirement of January 19, 2008 were discussed.

The Examiner has required restriction between:

Group I. Claims 1-68 and 91-92, drawn to a base station and system having a method of allocating at least one time slot of the plurality of time slots in the frame to a user equipment.

Group II. Claims 69-90, drawn to an user equipment for receiving a signal from a base station directing the user equipment to at least one timeslot of the plurality of time slots.

Applicants hereby provisionally elect Group I, claims 1-68 and 91-92 for continued examination, without traverse. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicants expressly reserve the right under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file a divisional application directed to the nonelected subject matter.

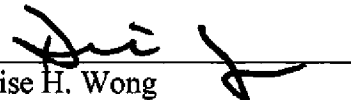
Claims 69-90 have been withdrawn. Therefore, claims 1-93 are pending in this matter. No new matter has been added.

CONCLUSION

In the unlikely event that the transmittal form is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No.: 03-1952** referencing **562492004400**. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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